(b) Yes, Sir. Staff of Department of Telecom, earlier working in Bombay and Delhi Telephones have been taken out by the Mahanagar Telephones Nigam Ltd.

Special cell in the Ministry dealing with SC/ST matters

2492. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Special cell for ensuring due compliance of Governmemnt orders and instructions for reservation of vacancies in favour of SC/ST and other benefits admissible to them is functioning in the Department of Telecommunications;

(b) if so, what is the staff strength exclusively for the work relating to this cell and the staff nominated to perform this work in addition to their normal duties; and

(c) what action has been taken to post adequate staff exclusively for SC/ST cell indicating the number and the level of this staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) One Assistant and one L.D.C. are working in the SCT Cell. The following officers have been nominated to perform this work in addition to their normal duties:

1. Secretary (Telecom. Board) Liaison Officer. (For all matters excluding de-reservation).

2. Director (Staff) Liaison Officer (de-reservation of Telecom and Civil Wing services)

3. Director (SEA) (de-reservation of Finance and Accounts Service)

4. Deputy Secretary (T) (de-reservation of all Secretariat services/Posts in Department of Telecom.

5. Director (WL), Dy. Liaisn Officer.

6. Director (TIM), Dy. Liaison Officer.

7. A.D.G. (OA) Asstt. Liaison Officer.

8. A.D. (TIM) Asstt. Liaison Officer.

9. Section Officer (O&M)

(c) The matter is being reviewed from time to time. The present arrangement is considered adequate.

Pay Scale for Teachers of Delhi

2493. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the Starred Question 32 answered in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th November, 1986 and state:

(a) whether the new payscales announced by Government for Delhi teachers on 5th November, 1986 were only provisional;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that teachers in Delhi are totally dissatisfied with new pay scales and if so, what are their demands; and

(c) what action Government propose to take on the recommendations of Empowered Committee headed by Shri Anad Swroop?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) The new pay scales based on the basis of the recommendations of the IVth Central Pay Commission were sanctioned to all Union Territories (except Chandigarh) on 26-9-86. While doing so it was clarified on 22-10-86 that the report of National Commission on Teachers headed by Prof. D. P. Chattopadhyaya is now under the consideration of the Government and decisions thereon are yet to be taken.

(b) The Joint Council of Delhi Teachers organisations in a memorandum has submitted the following demands:

(i) Restoration of selection grade.

(ii) Grant of selection garde after 8 years of service.

(iii) Grant of selection grade to Vice-Principals and Principals.

(iv) Grant of higher pay scales generally one level above what has been recommended by the Fourth Central Pay Commission.

(c) The recommendations of the Empowered Committee are under examination.

Funds for games and sports in Rajasthan schools

2494. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Questions 231 and 317 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th February, 1987 and state the amount of money allocated for the State of Rajasthan for the compulsory sports and games in the schools in the Seventh Plan period and also for 87-88?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): 'Sports' being a State subject, it is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments to promote sports and games in their respective areas. The role of the Central Government is limited to supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in his direction by extending financial assistance under the various schemes operated by the Government of India. No specific amount is allocated to any State under any of the schemes. Assistance as admissible is extended on receipt of proposals from different State Governments including the Rajasthan Government. The amount of assistance to be provided to the Government of Rajasthan during the year 1987-88 and during the Seventh Five Year Plan can only be determined after specific requests from that State Government under various schemes of the Department have been received, scrutinised and found admissible for financial assistance.

Leprosy patients in the country

2495. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:

SHRI ADINARAYANA REDDY:

SHRI G. SWAMY NAIK:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the approximate number of leprosy patients in the country and the number of new cases detected every year, state-wise;

(b) what are the highly endemic zones in which this disease is more prevalent;

(c) what strategies are adopted by the national leprosy eradication programme to bring all the endemic districts under intensive multi-drug treatment;

(d) what steps are being taken to augement the net-work on facilities for treatment and rehabilitation of the leprosy patients; and

(e) what arrangements have been made or are being made to provide preventive treatment in areas not so endemic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) There are